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MEMORANDUM

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Subj: Middle East Ad Hoc Working Group Agenda [REDACTED]

1. It is requested that appropriate personnel from each agency meet in the National Indications Center conference room at 1000, Thursday, 30 July. This meeting will be in lieu of the regular bi-weekly meeting of the Middle East Ad Hoc Working Group scheduled for Monday, 3 August.
2. The objective of the meeting will be to determine the likelihood of either an Egyptian attack in force across the Suez Canal or an Israeli preemptive attack, or both, during the next three months. In either case, the involvement of Soviet forces is of primary concern. While the problem will be examined in the general context of UAR and Israeli capabilities and the Soviet presence in the Middle East, the Working Group should be prepared to discuss the following specific developments:
 - a. The proliferation of TU-16 revetments and expanding airfield facilities associated with these bomber aircraft in Egypt and Sudan.
 - b. The status of paradrop training activity in the UAR.
 - c. The possible impending delivery of AN-12 and TU-16 aircraft to the UAR.
 - d. The augmentation of the Soviet Mediterranean Squadron, including N0060.
 - e. The significance of the increasingly aggressive Soviet reaction to Israeli air attacks along the Suez Canal.

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